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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7158**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1353

**DATE PREPARED:** Dec 26, 2000

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Law Enforcement Assistance Fund.

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**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X **GENERAL  
DEDICATED  
FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State & Local

STATE IMPACT	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
State Revenues			
State Expenditures	4,166,666	8,333,333	9,375,000
Net Increase (Decrease)	(4,166,666)	(8,333,333)	(9,375,000)

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill provides that a State or local law enforcement agency (law enforcement agency) that hired an officer under a grant from the Law Enforcement Assistance Fund (the Fund) may apply to the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute to renew the grant. It provides that the grant may be used to assist the law enforcement agency to equip and pay an additional four years' salary for the officer. It appropriates \$31,250,000 over four years to the Fund for the purpose of making grant renewals. It also provides for decreasing state assistance over the four-year period.

**Effective Date:** January 1, 2001 (retroactive).

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** This bill makes four separate appropriations from the State General Fund covering a period of four and one-half fiscal years (i.e., the last six months of FY 2001 to FY 2005). Monies appropriated for the last six months of FY 2001 are retroactive. (Total appropriations equal \$31,250,000.)

The following table illustrates the four separate appropriations:

<b>LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE FUND APPROPRIATIONS</b>	
<b>State Fiscal Years</b>	<b>State General Fund Appropriations</b>
FY 2001 and FY 2002	\$12,500,000
FY 2003	\$9,375,000
FY 2004	\$6,250,000
FY 2005	\$3,125,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$31,250,000</b>

For the FY 2001 and FY 2002 appropriation, this analysis assumes that 1/3 of the monies (\$4,166,666) would be attributed to the last six months of FY 2001 and 2/3 of the monies (\$8,333,333) would be attributed to FY 2002. The monies for FY 2003, FY 2004, and FY 2005 would be attributed to each fiscal year, respectively, in their entirety.

Under current Indiana law, law enforcement agencies were awarded a one-time grant by the Indiana Criminal Institute which were to be paid over a period of four state fiscal years (grants were awarded during FY 1998). In accordance with the provisions of this bill, the appropriated monies above would be utilized to allow law enforcement agencies, that were awarded a grant, to renew the grant for potential distributions beginning in the last six months of FY 2001 through the end of FY 2005.

The Indiana Criminal Justice Institute would not likely experience an increase in administrative time and cost since a mechanism already exists for the distribution of Fund monies.

### Background

Public Law 260-1997 established the Fund in order to provide monies to law enforcement agencies to increase the number of officers on patrol in Indiana and in Indiana's local communities. Since the establishment of the Fund, the State General Assembly has appropriated a total of \$50 M from FY 1998 to FY 2001 (\$12.5 M for FY 1998, \$12.5 M for FY 1999, \$17.5 M for FY 2000, and \$7.5 M for FY 2001).

Monies from the Fund were awarded to law enforcement agencies via 299 grants ranging from \$4,015 to \$5,000,000. Grants can be used for the following purposes: 1) to train, equip, and pay the first three years' salary for one officer; or 2) to purchase equipment or hire and train persons to permit the law enforcement agency to increase by one the number of officers on patrol.

It is reported that approximately 90% of the awarded grants are being utilized to train, equip, and pay officer salaries, while approximately 10% of the grants are being utilized to purchase equipment.

**Explanation of State Revenues:** In addition to local law enforcement agencies, grants were also awarded to law enforcement agencies such as the Indiana State Police, the Department of Natural Resources, the Indiana Excise Police, etc. These entities would also be eligible to renew their grants.

### **Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:** See Explanation of State Expenditures.

**State Agencies Affected:** Indiana Criminal Justice Institute; Law Enforcement Agencies.

**Local Agencies Affected:** Law Enforcement Agencies.

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